

**MAZE Directions**

**1. After the students have put their name on the cover sheet, start the testing by saying...**

*"When I say 'Begin' turn to the first story and start reading silently. When you come to a group of three words, circle the 1 word that makes the most sense. Work as quickly as you can without making mistakes. If you finish the first side, turn the page and keep working until I say 'Stop' or you are all done. Do you have any questions?"*

(Answer student questions.)

**2. Then say, "Begin." Start your stop watch.**

**3. Monitor students to make sure they understand that they are to circle only 1 word.**

**4. If a student finishes before the time limit, collect the student's Maze task and record the time on the student's test booklet.**

**5. At the end of 3 minutes say: "Stop. Put your pencils down. Please close your booklet."**

**6. Collect the Maze tasks.**

## MAZE Scoring

After students have completed a Maze, we recommend immediate scoring. Our most important task is to determine the Number of Words (Items) Correct. The number of errors are important, but less so. Determining Words Correct is easy. Use your answer key and put a slash (/) through incorrect words.

### ***What is Correct?***

An answer is considered correct if the student circles the word that matches the correct word on the scoring template.

### ***What is Incorrect?***

An answer is considered an error if the student:

- a. circles an incorrect word.
- b. omits word selections other than those the student was unable to complete before the 3 minutes expired.

### ***Making Scoring Efficient***

1. Count the total number of items up to the last circled word.
2. Compare the student answers to the correct answers on the scoring template. Mark a slash [/] through incorrect responses.
3. Subtract the number of incorrect answers from the total number of items attempted.
4. Record the total number of correct answers on the cover sheet followed by the total number of errors (e.g., 35/2, 45/0)